

Action Reports

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Action Information

Description: D'Onofrio contacted Michael Ward who stated the following: while draining equipment during routine maintenance, oil was accidentally released and was able to reach the facility's condenser sewer which flows to a drainage ditch to Morses Creek which in turn flows to the Arthur Kill. The facility responded by deploying boom and a vac truck downstream of the spill. A sheen was observed on Morses Creek due to oil that had escaped the boom due to quick moving water during a tidal change. Boom is being maintained and the vac truck is deployed/ready in case any recoverable oil is observed. There are 2 permanent boom dams downstream of the sheen; Ward stated that he is confident that the sheen will be contained by the dams and will not enter the Arthur Kill. Conoco Phillips will monitor the dams and recover oil/sheen as necessary. The original estimate of the release was at 3 gallons by the technician performing the maintenance operation. Ward reported a total of 10 gallons or less to the NRC/NJDEP in order to be conservative/safe with his estimate. D'Onofrio also contacted the NJDEP and confirmed the information provided by Ward. The material spilled was heating oil/sludge. NJDEP hotline has reported the spill to the NJDEP after hours duty officer (Laura Fonday).

Follow-Up:

Person Contacted

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